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Sir:

I, Noriaki YUKIMURA, in care of 3-1-1, Ogawahigashi-cho Kodaira-shi, Tokyo, Japan, declare that;

1. I graduated from The University of Tokyo in doctor's course of Graduate School of Science majoring chemistry in March 2007, and joined BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION in April 2007. Then, I have been engaged in the research and development of compounding ingredients for rubber compositions in Tire-Material-Development Department up to the present.

2. I am familiar with the subject matter disclosed in the application.

### 3. Experiment

#### Object of Experiment

In order to clarify differences of various physical properties between "Example 2 of this invention described in the specification" and "Examples 1, 4 and 5 of Scholl et al." and between "Examples 5, 6 and 7 of this invention described in the specification" and "Examples 2, 6 and 7 of Scholl et al.", the following experiments were conducted.

#### Procedure of the Experiment

The compounding recipes except for the silane compounds having sulfur atom and the production procedures for the above rubber compositions are the same as Example 1 of this invention described in the specification.

#### Test Methods

The evaluation items and the test methods are the same as those described in the specification of this invention.

#### Result

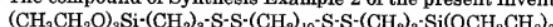
The results obtained are shown in the following Tables A and B.

Table A

	Example	Comparative Examples			
		2	A	B	C
	Example 2 of the present invention	Example 1 of Scholl et al.	Example 4 of Scholl et al.	Example 5 of Scholl et al.	
Silane compound having sulfur atom	SE2	A	B	C	
purity (%)	84.2	83.4	80.9	80.5	
amount (phr)	6.6	7.0	7.2	7.5	
Mooney viscosity (ML1+4)	87	116	110	104	
Mooney scorch time	100	72	73	75	
Hardness	100	101	103	104	
Properties at break					
· elongation at break (Eb)	106	88	87	85	
· strength at break (Tb)	108	85	85	87	
· tensile stress at 300% elongation	101	116	117	118	
Resilience	107	106	108	110	
Abrasion resistance	103	84	85	87	

## Note

SE2: The compound of Synthesis Example 2 of the present invention.



A:  $(\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O})_3\text{Si}-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{-S}_4\text{-(CH}_2)_2\text{-S}_4\text{-(CH}_2)_3\text{-Si(OCH}_2\text{CH}_3)_3$

B:  $(\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O})_3\text{Si}-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{-S}_4\text{-(CH}_2)_4\text{-S}_4\text{-(CH}_2)_3\text{-Si(OCH}_2\text{CH}_3)_3$

C:  $(\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O})_3\text{Si}-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{-S}_4\text{-(CH}_2)_6\text{-S}_4\text{-(CH}_2)_3\text{-Si(OCH}_2\text{CH}_3)_3$

Table B

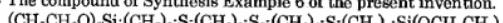
	Examples			Comparative Examples		
	5	6	7	D	E	F
Example 5 of the present invention	Example 6 of the present invention	Example 7 of the present invention	Example 2 of Scholl et al.	Example 6 of Scholl et al.	Example 7 of Scholl et al.	Example 7 of Scholl et al.
Silane compound having sulfur atom	SE5	SE6	SE8	D	E	F
purity (%)	85.7	84.9	82.9	82.4	81.0	80.4
amount (phr)	7.2	7.5	8.2	8.5	9.6	9.1
Mooney viscosity (ML1+4)	104	105	102	117	114	121
Mooney scorch time	95	94	98	70	78	73
Hardness	104	108	101	112	110	110
Properties at break						
· elongation at break (Eb)	95	88	105	78	79	77
· strength at break (Tb)	98	98	103	87	85	82
· tensile stress at 300% elongation	105	120	101	119	118	116
Resilience	112	112	110	111	110	109
Abrasion resistance	109	109	108	81	83	83

Note

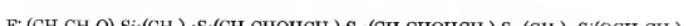
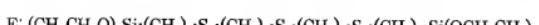
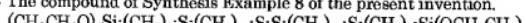
SE5: The compound of Synthesis Example 5 of the present invention.



SE6: The compound of Synthesis Example 6 of the present invention.



SE8: The compound of Synthesis Example 8 of the present invention.



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